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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Agriculture, Food Production and Outdoor Resources, February 25, 2009, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 304.170 and 304.260, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to tractor parades, with an emergency clause.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 304.170 and 304.260, RSMo, are repealed and two new
2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 304.170 and 304.260, to
3 read as follows:

304.170. 1. No vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall
2 have a width, including load, in excess of one hundred two inches, except
3 clearance lights, rearview mirrors or other accessories required by federal, state
4 or city law or regulation. Provided however, a recreational vehicle as defined in
5 section 700.010, RSMo, may exceed the foregoing width limits if the
6 appurtenances on such recreational vehicle extend no further than the rearview
7 mirrors. Such mirrors may only extend the distance necessary to provide the
8 required field of view before the appurtenances were attached.

9 2. No vehicle operated upon the interstate highway system or upon any
10 route designated by the chief engineer of the state transportation department
11 shall have a height, including load, in excess of fourteen feet. On all other
12 highways, no vehicle shall have a height, including load, in excess of thirteen and
13 one-half feet, except that any vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting
14 automobiles or other motor vehicles may have a height, including load, of not
15 more than fourteen feet.

16 3. No single motor vehicle operated upon the highways of this state shall
17 have a length, including load, in excess of forty-five feet, except as otherwise

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

18 provided in this section.

19 4. No bus, recreational motor vehicle or trackless trolley coach operated
20 upon the highways of this state shall have a length in excess of forty-five feet,
21 except that such vehicles may exceed the forty-five feet length when such excess
22 length is caused by the projection of a front safety bumper or a rear safety
23 bumper or both. Such safety bumper shall not cause the length of the bus or
24 recreational motor vehicle to exceed the forty-five feet length limit by more than
25 one foot in the front and one foot in the rear. The term "safety bumper" means
26 any device which may be fitted on an existing bumper or which replaces the
27 bumper and is so constructed, treated, or manufactured that it absorbs energy
28 upon impact.

29 5. No combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor
30 equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the highways of this
31 state shall have a length, including load, in excess of sixty feet; except that in
32 order to comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the United States Code (Public
33 Law 97-424), no combination of truck-tractor and semitrailer or truck-tractor
34 equipped with dromedary and semitrailer operated upon the interstate highway
35 system of this state shall have an overall length, including load, in excess of the
36 length of the truck-tractor plus the semitrailer or truck-tractor equipped with
37 dromedary and semitrailer. The length of such semitrailer shall not exceed
38 fifty-three feet.

39 6. In order to comply with the provisions of Title 23 of the United States
40 Code (Public Law 97-424), no combination of truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer
41 operated upon the interstate highway system of this state shall have an overall
42 length, including load, in excess of the length of the truck-tractor plus the
43 semitrailer and trailer, neither of which semitrailer or trailer shall exceed
44 twenty-eight feet in length, except that any existing semitrailer or trailer up to
45 twenty-eight and one-half feet in length actually and lawfully operated on
46 December 1, 1982, within a sixty-five foot overall length limit in any state, may
47 continue to be operated upon the interstate highways of this state. On those
48 primary highways not designated by the state highways and transportation
49 commission as provided in subsection 10 of this section, no combination of
50 truck-tractor, semitrailer and trailer shall have an overall length, including load,
51 in excess of sixty-five feet; provided, however, the state highways and
52 transportation commission may designate additional routes for such sixty-five foot
53 combinations.

54 7. Automobile transporters, boat transporters, truck-trailer boat
55 transporter combinations, stinger-steered combination automobile transporters
56 and stinger-steered combination boat transporters having a length not in excess
57 of seventy-five feet may be operated on the interstate highways of this state and
58 such other highways as may be designated by the highways and transportation
59 commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten
60 miles from such interstate or designated highway. All length provisions
61 regarding automobile or boat transporters, truck-trailer boat transporter
62 combinations and stinger-steered combinations shall include a semitrailer length
63 not to exceed fifty-three feet and are exclusive of front and rear overhang, which
64 shall be no greater than a three-foot front overhang and no greater than a
65 four-foot rear overhang.

66 8. Driveaway saddlemount combinations having a length not in excess of
67 ninety-seven feet may be operated on the interstate highways of this state and
68 such other highways as may be designated by the highways and transportation
69 commission for the operation of such vehicles plus a distance not to exceed ten
70 miles from such interstate or designated highway. Saddlemount combinations
71 must comply with the safety requirements of Section 393.71 of Title 49 of the
72 Code of Federal Regulations and may contain no more than three saddlemounted
73 vehicles and one fullmount.

74 9. No truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination vehicles operated
75 upon the interstate and designated primary highway system of this state shall
76 have a semitrailer length in excess of twenty-eight feet or twenty-eight and
77 one-half feet if the semitrailer was in actual and lawful operation in any state on
78 December 1, 1982, operating in a truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer
79 combination. The B-train assembly is excluded from the measurement of
80 semitrailer length when used between the first and second semitrailer of a
81 truck-tractor semitrailer-semitrailer combination, except that when there is no
82 semitrailer mounted to the B-train assembly, it shall be included in the length
83 measurement of the semitrailer.

84 10. The highways and transportation commission is authorized to
85 designate routes on the state highway system other than the interstate system
86 over which those combinations of vehicles of the lengths specified in subsections
87 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section may be operated. Combinations of vehicles
88 operated under the provisions of subsections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of this section may
89 be operated at a distance not to exceed ten miles from the interstate system and

90 such routes as designated under the provisions of this subsection.

91 11. Except as provided in subsections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of this section,
92 no other combination of vehicles operated upon the primary or interstate
93 highways of this state plus a distance of ten miles from a primary or interstate
94 highway shall have an overall length, unladen or with load, in excess of sixty-five
95 feet or in excess of fifty-five feet on any other highway, except the state highways
96 and transportation commission may designate additional routes for use by
97 sixty-five foot combinations, seventy-five foot stinger-steered combinations or
98 seventy-five foot saddlemount combinations. Any vehicle or combination of
99 vehicles transporting automobiles, boats or other motor vehicles may carry a load
100 which extends no more than three feet beyond the front and four feet beyond the
101 rear of the transporting vehicle or combination of vehicles.

102 12. (1) Except as hereinafter provided, these restrictions shall not apply
103 to agricultural implements operating occasionally on the highways for short
104 distances[,] **including tractor parades for fund-raising activities or**
105 **special events, provided the tractors are driven by licensed drivers**
106 **during daylight hours only and with the approval of the superintendent**
107 **of the Missouri state highway patrol;** or to self-propelled hay-hauling
108 equipment or to implements of husbandry, or to the movement of farm products
109 as defined in section [400.9-109] **400.9-102**, RSMo, or to vehicles temporarily
110 transporting agricultural implements or implements of husbandry or roadmaking
111 machinery, or road materials or towing for repair purposes vehicles that have
112 become disabled upon the highways; or to implement dealers delivering or moving
113 farm machinery for repairs on any state highway other than the interstate
114 system.

115 (2) Implements of husbandry and vehicles transporting such machinery
116 or equipment and the movement of farm products as defined in section 400.9.109,
117 RSMo, may be operated occasionally for short distances on state highways when
118 operated between the hours of sunrise and sunset by a driver licensed as an
119 operator or chauffeur.

120 13. As used in this chapter the term "implements of husbandry" means
121 all self-propelled machinery operated at speeds of less than thirty miles per hour,
122 specifically designed for, or especially adapted to be capable of, incidental
123 over-the-road and primary offroad usage and used exclusively for the application
124 of commercial plant food materials or agricultural chemicals, and not specifically
125 designed or intended for transportation of such chemicals and materials.

126 14. Sludge disposal units may be operated on all state highways other
127 than the interstate system. Such units shall not exceed one hundred thirty-eight
128 inches in width and may be equipped with over-width tires. Such units shall
129 observe all axle weight limits. The chief engineer of the state transportation
130 department shall issue special permits for the movement of such disposal units
131 and may by such permits restrict the movements to specified routes, days and
132 hours.

 304.260. Farm tractors when using the highways in traveling from one
2 field or farm to another, or to or from places of delivery or repair, **or when**
3 **participating in activities or events permitted under subsection 12 of**
4 **section 304.170** are exempt from the provisions of the law relating to
5 registration and display of number plates, but shall comply with all the other
6 provisions hereof. The state highways and transportation commission shall have
7 the power and authority to prescribe the type of road upon which such tractors
8 may be used and may exclude the use of such tractors or the use of trucks of any
9 particular weight from the use of certain designated roads or types of roads, by
10 the posting of signs along or upon such roads or any part thereof.

 Section B. Because of the need to ensure safe interaction of tractors and
2 other motor vehicles on Missouri highways, section A of this act is deemed
3 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and
4 safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the
5 constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its
6 passage and approval.

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